

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

1.-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) For a team-sharing environment, a method for persisting resource properties in an integrated development environment during transitions of data between a user and a team repository, the method comprising the steps of:

storing, in a property file of the integrated development environment, a list of property keys to be persisted and their associated resource property values, the property file being accessible by a user for persisting resource properties during transitions of data;

storing the property keys and values in different property files for different resources;

storing in the property file a cache of prior resource property values;

searching the property file for returning a list of the property keys and their associated resource property values;

qualifying a property key name by appending the property key name to a contributing resource's name; and,

providing an extension point as an application program interface to third party plug-ins for creating a property file for the third party plug-in.

15.-20. (Cancelled)